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1. Special armbands, marked in Russian letters with the word "German", are being produced by the former Dresdner Gardinen- & Spitzenmanufaktur in Reick (F28). The armbands are made from a yellow material, and the word "German" is embroidered in black.
2. Up to April 1948, 250,000 such armbands had been made and delivered to a Soviet Army agency.
3. Workers in the plant, now a socialized concern, were especially drafted for this work.

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Comment: Reporting the arrival in March 1948 of 1600 German PWs at Jüterbog, an untested source recently stated, "In Jüterbog they still wore their training uniforms, i.e., the usual Russian soldier's uniform with a broad dark yellow armband on the left sleeve. At present these troops are being outfitted with German border police uniforms....Reputedly they will be used to relieve and strengthen border guard units in Thuringia."

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